Takahashi-san
is listening.
高橋さんが聞いている。

SO THEY'RE FINALLY ANNOUNCING THE BIG STAR THAT'S GOING UP INTO SPACE. WAIT

ISN'T THAT UH

TAKAHASHI-SAN IS LISTENING.
YU HOKUO

I GUESS A GUY LIKE THAT IS WHO YOU'D GO FOR TO DO THIS KIND OF PHYSICALLY DEMANDING WORK.

THEN WHY WERE WE EVEN BROUGHT OUT OVER HERE?

GOSH, YOU GUYS! WHY AREN'T YOU EXCITED AT ALL?

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CHATTER CHATTER

YOU KNOW YOU USED TO SEE HIM AROUND IN SHOWBIZ SORA KITAGAMI

WHO IS THAT GUY?

THAT'S NOT ENA

IT'S BECAUSE ENA-CHII IS GOING TO BE THE HOSTESS OF THE EVENT!

LOOK! SEE THAT SIGN?

OH, YOU'RE RIGHT

NOTHING LESS FROM ENA! SHE SCORED HERSELF A GOOD GIG.

ON THE SCENE AT LAUNCH
打ち上げ実況
高橋エナ
ENA TAKAHA

CHAPTER 75: LET'S TALK ABOUT "THAT PERSON"

SH-SHE SAID MY NAME. IT'S BEEN SO LONG.
...WAS YOU, KITAGAMI-SAN?
WHEN HE SAID THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO TRIED THIS PROJECT BEFORE
SO THE PERSON AMEKARI-SAN WAS TALKING ABOUT

I...
HMPH HAVEN'T I TOLD YOU, ENA TAKAHASHI?
BUT THINK ABOUT HOW MAJOR THIS IS. WHY ARE YOU WILLING TO TAKE IT ON?
WITH SORA HERE, WE WON'T BE LACKING FOR ANYTHING!

WHAT A SELFLESS MAN!
HE'S THE TYPE TO GIVE HIS ALL, EVEN FOR A TOTAL STRANGER
THAT'S AMAZING!
DOES THAT MEAN...
HE'D DO ANYTHING FOR ME?
HUH?!
...WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR YOU!

I KNOW WE MET ON HIS RADIO SHOW ONCE,
BUT WE'RE PRACTICALLY COMPLETE STRANGERS AND HE'S STILL WILLING TO DO THIS FOR ME.
I GET WHAT AMEKAKI-SAN SAW IN A MAN LIKE HIM!
I REALLY RESPECT HIM, EVEN AS A STRANGER.
OOOH, SHE'S BEEN STARING AT ME THIS WHOLE TIME LIKE SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHO I AM. THOSE EYES OF HERS CUT DEEP.
TH-THE WAY SHE'S TREATING ME IS JUST SO...

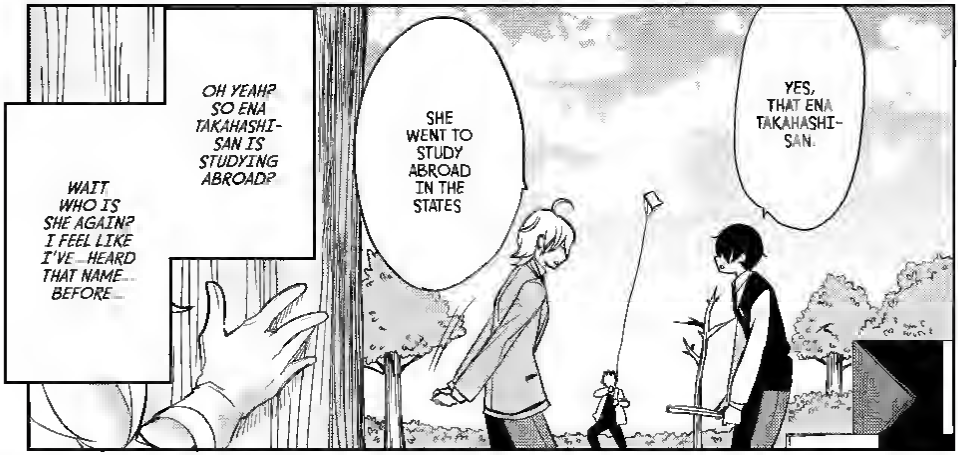
ENA TAKA-HASHI!
I'M COM-PLETELY SATIS-FIED!
THIS IS EXACTLY WHY I REVERE YOU AS A DOMI-NATRIX AND MY QUEEN!
IS THIS REALLY OKAY?
HAVEN'T YOU BEEN TRAINING FOR THIS DAY?

FOR STARTERS, I DID ALL THAT TRAINING WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT IT WAS FOR
THIS NEW GIG IS THE KIND OF JOB I WAS CUT OUT FOR!
I'LL BE SURE TO SHOW YOU JUST HOW GOOD I AM AT THIS FAREWELL EVENT
HEE HEE. NO NEED TO TELL ME.
NOW THEN, WHY NOT GO OUTSIDE TO GET A BREATH OF FRESH AIR BEFORE THE SHOW STARTS?
A BREATH OF FRESH AIR? GOT IT!

I CAME OUT TO GET SOME AIR, BUT RAN RIGHT INTO THEM...
INDEED
NOT MUCH TO DO, IS THERE, NARA-KUN?

OF COURSE, IF THEY HAD SOMETHING INTERESTING TO SAY, THAT'D BE ANOTHER MATTER...
COME TO THINK OF IT, NARA-KUN...
YES, MI-KAGE?
DON'T GET YOUR HOPES UP I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING FUN TO TALK ABOUT
HAVE YOU COME ACROSS ANY CURIOUS STORIES LATELY?
I'VE ALREADY GROWN PAST THAT
B-BUT I DON'T NEED TO EAVESDROP ANYMORE, DO I?

SO THEY'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT ENA TAKAHASHI-SAN TODAY, HUH?
WELL, THAT DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME
IT WAS YOU MEAN THE HOSTESS OF THIS EVENT, ENA TAKAHASHI-SAN, CORRECT?
IT WAS SURPRISING TO LEARN ONE OF OUR CLASSMATES IS AN ENTERTAINER, WASN'T IT?


OH YEAH? SO ENA TAKAHASHI-SAN IS STUDYING ABROAD?
WAIT WHO IS SHE AGAIN? I FEEL LIKE I'VE...HEARD THAT NAME... BEFORE...
SHE WENT TO STUDY ABROAD IN THE STATES
YES, THAT ENA TAKAHASHI-SAN.

...
...
WHEN SHE WASN'T WITH US?
DID YOU NOT FEEL THE VOID SHE LEFT IN THE CLASSROOM
YOU TRULY ARE HEARTLESS SHE'S A CLASSMATE OF OURS
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I FEEL LIKE I HAVEN'T SEEN HER AROUND LATELY

I'M ENA TAKA-HASHI!
TH-TH-THEY'RE GOING TO TRADE RUMORS ABOUT ME?!
ME?!
A VOID IN THE CLASSROOM, HUH? I GUESS IT DID FEEL LIKE SOME-THING WAS MISSING
THE CLASS ATMOSPHERE CHANGES WHEN YOU TAKE AWAY JUST ONE STUDENT
I SEE
SO THIS IS WHAT THEY MEAN WHEN THEY SAY YOU ONLY NOTICE HOW IMPORTANT SOMETHING IS WHEN IT'S GONE
IT'S COME TO THIS
TO THINK THAT I, ENA TAKA-HASHI—
AM THE TOPIC OF THEIR CONVERSATION TODAY

I CAN'T JUST LET THE CHANCE TO LISTEN IN ON THIS SLIP AWAY!
I DID JUST SORT OF HAPPEN TO OVERHEAR THEM TALKING!
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I FEEL AS THOUGH OUR SCHOOL...
...HAS UNDERGONE A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS SINCE SHE LEFT US
IT... IT HAS?
STUDENTS TRANSFER IN AND OUT FAIRLY OFTEN
WHAT COULD POSSIBLY HAPPEN JUST BECAUSE I LEFT?
WITHOUT US EVEN NOTICING, ENA TAKAHASHI-SAN...
...HELPED KEEP OUR SCHOOL RUNNING BEHIND THE SCENES
INDEED! THAT CONJECTURE IS RIGHT ON THE MONEY!
REALLY? DID I DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT?
AND AMONGST ALL THE TROUBLE CAUSED BY HER LEAVING...
...THE BIGGEST ISSUE SO FAR...

FLOOR-BOARD-SAN?!
FLOORBOARD-SAN IS LOOSENING!
...IS IN THE FRONT HALL.
FLOORBOARD-SAN IS LOOSENING.

I'M SURE, IN THE PAST...
INDEED.

IN WHAT WAY WOULD THAT MAKE ME KIND?
...AND WALKED ALL OVER FLOOR-BOARD-SAN EVERY DAY
TAKA-HASHI-SAN WAS ALWAYS KIND...

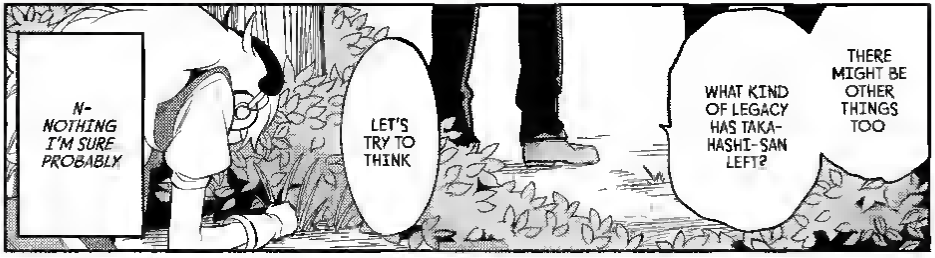
THAT FLOORBOARD WAS ALREADY PRETTY OLD TO BEGIN WITH
BUT NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, EVER SINCE SHE LEFT,
THE FLOOR-BOARDS HAVE STARTED TO CLATTER A WHOLE LOT MORE.

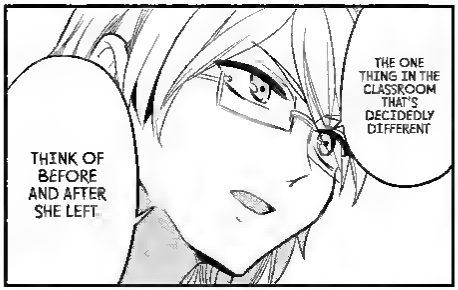
KNOCK IT OFF YOU'RE MAKING ME SOUND LIKE A WEIRDO
I'M SURE SHE HAD DEEP FEELINGS FOR EACH AND EVERY FLOORBOARD THERE
I CAN'T EVEN UNDER-STAND IT MYSELF
YES, SUCH DE-VOTION
TO THINK SHE TOOK THE TIME TO DO THAT EVERY DAY...
WHEN TAKAHASHI-SAN LEFT...
GREAT ACCOM-PLISH-MENTS?!
I THINK I HAVE AN INKLING OF ANOTHER ONE OF TAKAHASHI-SAN'S GREAT ACCOM-PLISHMENTS
SPEAK-ING OF
WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT? I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE
THEY'RE COMPLETELY CHANGING IN SHAPE AND FORM...
THAT'S RIGHT THE FLOWER-BEDS
I'VE COME TO NOTICE A GREAT UPHEAVAL
THERE WAS A SUDDEN CHANGE AROUND THE SCHOOL
UPHEAVAL ?!

DANDELION-SAN IS WILTING!
WHY DO THE DAN-DELIONS GET A "-SAN"?!
DANDELION-SAN IS WILTING.

DANDELIONS BLOOM IN SUMMER AND WILT IN AUTUMN!
IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!
I'M SURE TAKAHASHI-SAN WAS LOOKING AFTER THEM
WITHOUT TELLING ANYONE, AND WITHOUT ANYONE NOTICING I'M SURE OF IT

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT DANDE-LION-SAN HERE!
AS SOON AS TAKA-HASHI-SAN LEFT FOR ABROAD THEY ALL WILTED
THE TIMING IS JUST SO BANG ON


N-NOTHING I'M SURE PROBABLY
LET'S TRY TO THINK
WHAT KIND OF LEGACY HAS TAKAHASHI-SAN LEFT?
THERE MIGHT BE OTHER THINGS TOO


THINK OF BEFORE AND AFTER SHE LEFT.
THE ONE THING IN THE CLASSROOM THAT'S DECIDEDLY DIFFERENT

WHAT IS IT, NARA-KUN?
YOU CAME UP WITH SOMETHING ALREADY?
AH! I REMEMBER!

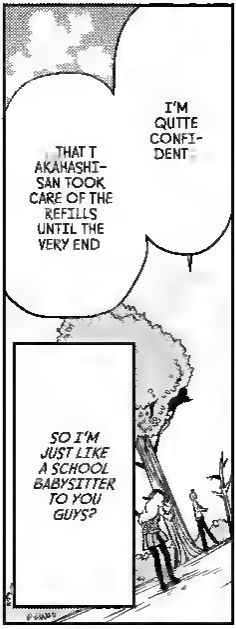
IF TAKAHASHI-SAN HAD BEEN AROUND TO KEEP THINGS UNDER CONTROL, THAT NEVER WOULD HAVE HAPPENED
THE BLACKBOARD IS BROKEN BECAUSE KATOU-KUN THREW A BALL AT IT.
THAT'S KATOU'S FAULT, NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT!

BLACKBOARD-SAN IS BROKEN!
THE BLACKBOARD IS BROKEN NOW?!
BLACKBOARD-SAN IS BROKEN.

RIGHT. AND THAT'S NOT ALL.

SCHOOL GATE-SAN IS RUSTING.

LUNCHROOM-SAN IS CROWDED.


I'M QUITE CONFIDENT THAT TAKAHASHI-SAN TOOK CARE OF THE REFILLS UNTIL THE VERY END
SO I'M JUST LIKE A SCHOOL BABYSITTER TO YOU GUYS?

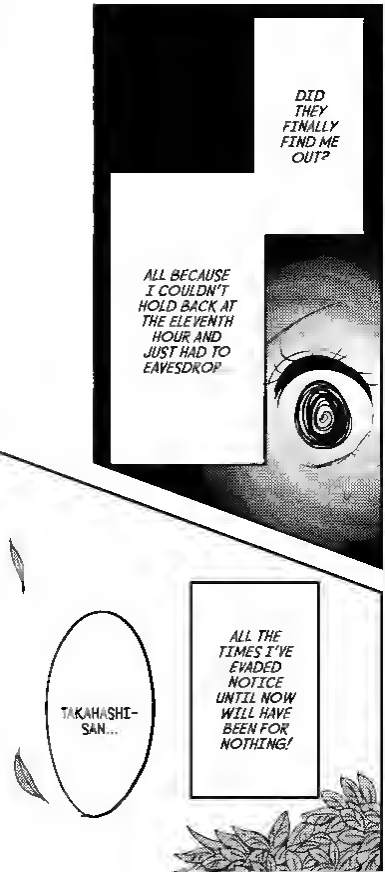
BALLPOINT PEN-SAN IS DRYING UP
THE BALL-POINT PEN USED FOR THE DAILY CLASS LOGBOOK IS RUNNING OUT OF INK!
NOTHING SLIPS PAST THEM!

BALLPOINT PEN-SAN IS DRYING UP.

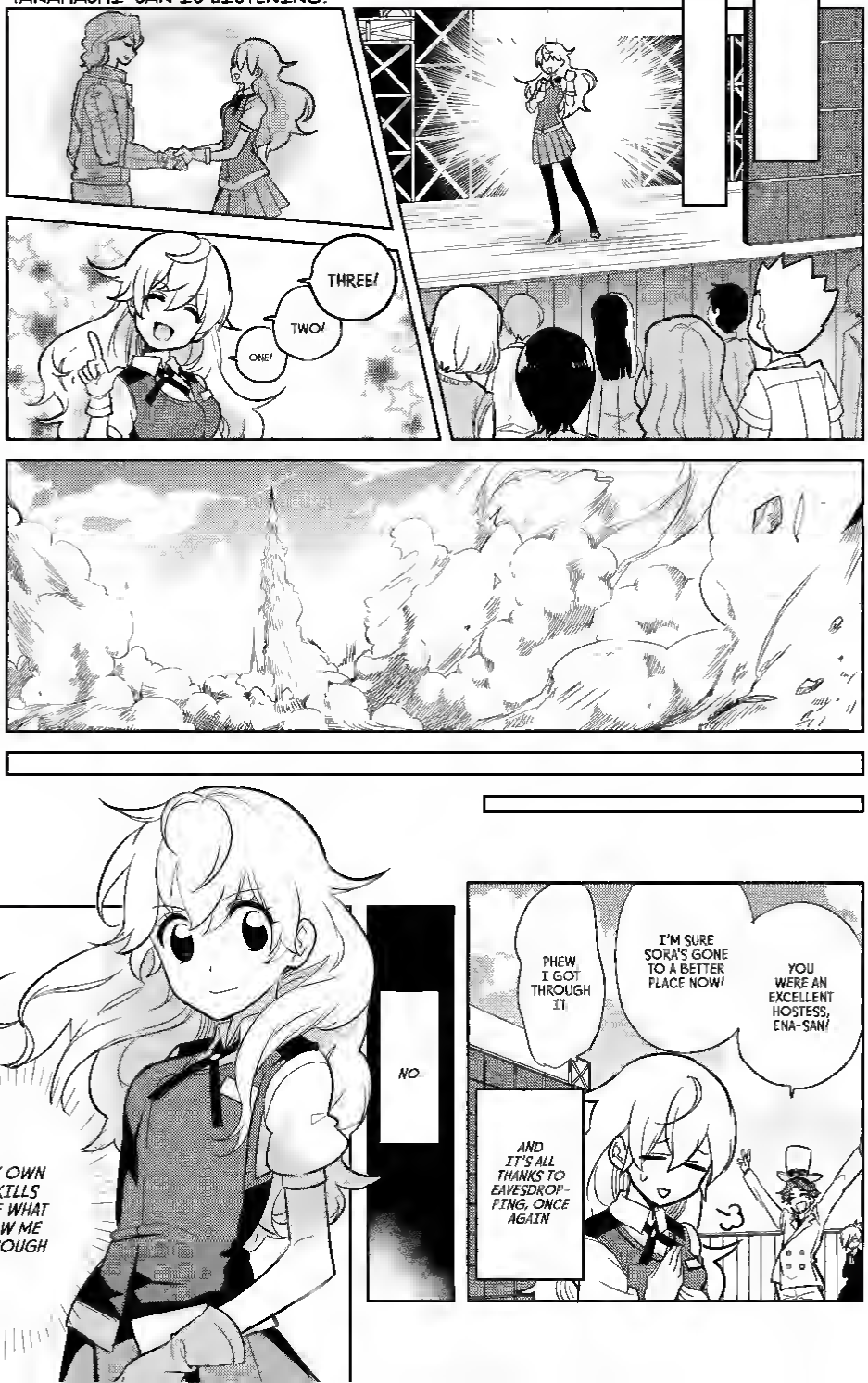
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY SHE WAS ON THE BALL... POINT PEN.
WE'RE GRATEFUL TO YOU, TAKA-HASHI-SAN!
THEN DON'T SAY WEIRD THINGS ABOUT ME!

HOW-EVER...
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE CAUGHT OURSELVES GOSSIPING ABOUT A FELLOW CLASSMATE A TRULY UNCOUTH PASTIME
IF SOMEONE HAPPENED TO BE HIDING BEHIND THAT TREE AND OVERHEARD US
I'D FEEL QUITE GUILTY.
HUH?

JUST IN CASE SOMEONE REALLY IS HIDING BEHIND THAT TREE...
I'LL GO AHEAD AND APOLOGIZE NOW.
BEHIND THE TREE? WHAAAT?!


DID THEY FINALLY FIND ME OUT?
ALL BECAUSE I COULDN'T HOLD BACK AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR AND JUST HAD TO EAVESDROP.
ALL THE TIMES I'VE EVADED NOTICE UNTIL NOW WILL HAVE BEEN FOR NOTHING!
TAKAHASHI-SAN...

WE'RE SORRY.
NO, I'M NOT OVER THERE!
HOW SKINNY DO THEY THINK I AM?!
I'M GLAD WE APOLO-GIZED
EVEN IF SHE'S BEHIND THE TREE, WE DON'T NEED TO FEEL BAD NOW
DO YOU THINK I'VE BECOME A BALLPOINT PEN OR SOME-THING?!
I-I'M BACK
THAT BREATH OF FRESH AIR SURE TOOK A WHILE, ENA


THREE!
TWO!
ONE!
YOU WERE AN EXCELLENT HOSTESS, ENA-SAN!
I'M SURE SORA'S GONE TO A BETTER PLACE NOW!
PHEW. I GOT THROUGH IT
AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO EAVESDROPPING, ONCE AGAIN
NO
MY OWN SKILLS ARE WHAT SAW ME THROUGH

BUT TODAY...
EAVES-DROPPING HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE TO CHEER ME UP...
I DON'T THINK MY EAVESDROP-PING REALLY INSPIRED ME
AND HELP ME NOTICE WHAT WAS IMPORTANT.
THAT'S JUST HOW EAVESDROP-PING IS IN THE END.
I GUESS
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING UP UNTIL NOW, EAVES-DROPPING!
FROM NOW ON, I'LL WALK ON WITH MY OWN TWO FEET

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